

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES  
HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES ADMINISTRATION  
Olympia, Washington**

**To:** Psychologists  
Managed Care Plans

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**Subject: Psychologist Billing Instructions: 2006 Changes and Additions to Current Procedural Terminology (CPT™) Codes, Policies and Fee Schedules**

**Effective for dates of service on and after January 1, 2006, HRSA will:**

- Begin using 2006 Current Procedural Terminology (CPT®) and Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Level II code additions as identified in this memorandum; and
- Add maximum allowable fees for the new codes.

**Note:** All policies previously published remain the same unless specifically identified as changed in this memo.

## **Deleted and Added Codes for Psychological Evaluations**

Effective for dates of service on and after January 1, 2006, the following CPT codes will be deleted: 96100, 96115, and 96117.

Effective for dates of service on and after January 1, 2006 the following new CPT codes will be added and covered: 96101, 96116, and 96118.

## **New Procedure Codes for Psychological Evaluations**

HRSA has added CPT code 96101 for psychological evaluations, to the Psychologist Fee Schedule. Refer to the Coverage Section of the current *Psychologist Billing Instructions* for policies and limitations for the new code.

## **New Procedure Codes for Neuropsychological Testing**

HRSA has added CPT codes 96116 and 96118 for neuropsychological testing to the Psychologist Fee Schedule. Refer to the Coverage Section of the current *Psychologist Billing Instructions* for policies and limitations for the new codes.

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## Maximum Allowable Fees

HRSA used the following resources in determining the maximum allowable fees for the Year 2006 additions:

- Year 2006 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Data Base (MPFSDB) relative value units
- Current Conversion Factors

**Note:** Due to its licensing agreement with the American Medical Association (AMA) regarding the use of CPT codes and descriptions, HRSA publishes only the official brief description for all codes. Please refer to your current CPT book for full descriptions.

## Billing Instructions Replacement Pages

Attached are replacement pages B.1 – B.2 and C.1 – C.2 to HRSA's *Psychologist Billing Instructions*.

## How do I conduct business electronically with HRSA?

You may conduct business electronically with HRSA by accessing the WAMedWeb at <http://wamedweb.acs-inc.com>.

## How can I get HRSA's provider documents?

To obtain DSHS/HRSA provider numbered memoranda and billing instruction, go to the DSHS/HRSA website at <http://hrsa.dshs.wa.gov> (click *the Billing Instructions and Numbered Memorandum* link). These may be downloaded and printed.

# Coverage

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## What is covered?

The Health and Recovery Services Administration (HRSA) reimburses licensed psychologists for:

- Psychological evaluations;
- Developmental testing; and
- Neuropsychological testing.

## Psychological Evaluation [Refer to WAC 388-865-0610]

- A psychological evaluation must include a complete diagnostic history, examination, and assessment. The testing of cognitive processes, visual motor responses, and abstract abilities is accomplished by the combination of several types of testing procedures.
- To receive reimbursement for the evaluation, the psychologist must keep a report in the client's file that contains all of the components of a psychological evaluation including test results and interpretation of results.
- Use **CPT code 96101** when billing for psychological evaluations.
- Up to two (2) units of CPT code 96101 are allowed **without prior authorization per client, per lifetime.**
- If additional testing is necessary, psychologists **must** request additional units of CPT code 96101 through the prior authorization process.

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## Developmental Testing

HRSA reimburses for developmental testing (CPT codes 96110 and 96111) only when:

- The provider is a psychologist or neuropsychologist; **and**
- The provider has obtained written/fax prior authorization from HRSA.

## Neuropsychological Testing

HRSA reimburses for neuropsychological testing (CPT codes 96116 and 96118) only when:

- The provider is a neuropsychologist; **and**
- The provider has obtained written/fax prior authorization from HRSA.

**Note:** HRSA no longer requires providers who bill for neuropsychological testing to be board-certified; however, providers must be able to furnish credentials that demonstrate their expertise upon request.

## Obtaining Prior Authorization

**Send or fax your request for prior authorization to:**

HRSA – Division of Medical Management  
Attn: Medical Request Coordinator  
PO Box 45506  
Olympia, WA 98504-5506  
FAX: (360) 586-1471

## What is not covered?

HRSA will ***not*** reimburse for:

- Psychotherapy provided by a psychologist or an ARNP; or
- Continuing care provided by a psychologist or by staff employed by the psychologist.

# Fee Schedule

Due to its licensing agreement with the American Medical Association, HRSA publishes only the official, brief CPT<sup>®</sup> procedure code descriptions. To view the entire descriptions, please refer to your current CPT manual.

CPT Procedure Code	Brief Description	January 1, 2006 Maximum Allowable Fee	
		Non-Facility Setting	Facility Setting
96101	Psycho testing by psych/phys	\$58.36	\$57.91
96102	Psycho testing by technician	#	#
96103	Psycho testing admin by comp	#	#
96105	Assessment of aphasia	#	#
96110	Developmental test, lim	7.71	7.71
96111	Developmental test, extend	86.83	86.83
96116	Neurobehavioral status exam (Requires Prior Authorization)	64.95	60.41
96118	Neuropsych tst by psych/phys (Requires Prior Authorization)	77.90	60.18
96119	Neuropsych tst by tech (Requires Prior Authorization)	#	#
96120	Neuropsych tst admin w/comp (Requires Prior Authorization)	#	#

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